

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electric mail sending apparatus, comprising:  
editing means for composing and editing a text of an electric mail;  
an attribute table storing a display form defined based on a terminal  
model name;

5 accepting means for accepting a receiver's terminal model name that  
is input by a user;

reading means connected to the attribute table and the accepting  
means for reading the display form defined based on the receiver's terminal  
model name from the attribute table;

10 display means connected to the editing means and the reading  
means for displaying the electric mail text based on the display form read  
from the attribute table; and

sending means connected to the editing means for sending the  
composed electric mail.

2. The electric mail sending apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein

the attribute table stores a number of lines that is displayable on a  
display screen of a receiver's terminal and a number of characters per line,

5 the reading means includes number-of-character reading means for  
reading the number of lines that is displayable on the display screen of the  
receiver's terminal and the number of characters per line, and

10 the display means includes means connected to the editing means  
and the number-of-character reading means for displaying the electric mail  
text based on the displayable number of lines and the number of characters  
per line that are read from the attribute table.

3. The electric mail sending apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the display means displays copy data of the electric mail text based  
on the display form read from the attribute table.

4. An electric mail composing method for use in an electric mail composing apparatus including an attribute table storing a display form defined based on a terminal model name and a display portion for displaying an electric mail text, comprising the steps of:

- 5           accepting an electric mail text composed or edited by a user;  
            accepting a receiver's terminal model name selected by the user;  
            reading a display form defined based on the receiver's terminal  
model name from the attribute table; and  
            displaying the electric mail text on the display portion based on the  
10          display form read from the attribute table.

5. The electric mail composing method according to claim 4,  
wherein

- the attribute table stores a number of lines that is displayable on a  
display screen of a receiver's terminal and a number of characters per line,  
5          the reading step includes the step of reading the number of lines that  
is displayable on the display screen of the receiver's terminal and the  
number of characters per line, and  
            the displaying step includes the step of displaying the electric mail  
text on the display portion based on the displayable number of lines and  
10          the number of characters per line that are read from the attribute table.

6. The electric mail composing method according to claim 4,  
wherein the displaying step includes the step of displaying copy data of the  
electric mail text on the display portion based on the display form read  
from the attribute table.

7. A computer-readable recording medium having an electric mail composing program recorded thereon, wherein the electric mail composing program causes a computer to execute the steps of:

- 5           accepting an electric mail text composed or edited by a user;  
            accepting a receiver's terminal model name selected by the user; and  
            displaying the electric mail text on a display portion based on a

display form defined based on the receiver's terminal model name.

8. The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 7,  
wherein

the displaying step includes the step of displaying the electric mail  
text on the display portion based on the displayable number of lines and  
the number of characters per line that is displayable on the display screen.

9. The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 7,  
wherein the displaying step includes the step of displaying copy data of the  
electric mail text on the display portion based on the display form defined  
based on the receiver's terminal model name.